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Dinolfo Announces Special Passport Days

Downtown Office To Open Last Saturday Of Every Month To Process Passport Applications From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., First Passport Day Is This Saturday, January 28th.

Rochester – Monroe County Clerk Cheryl Dinolfo today announced a series of Special Passport Days on the last Saturday of every month beginning January 28. The Office will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the County Clerk's Office, 39 W. Main St. The expanded hours are in response to the federal government's decision to stop the acceptance of passport applications in DMV offices nationwide.

"Our special Saturday Passport Days are a first step in helping customers overcome the federal government's decision to remove passport services from DMV offices," said Dinolfo. "As the need for a passport for foreign travel increases, it is important that our office do all it can to ensure that all interested residents can obtain the gold standard of identification, a U.S. passport."

The total passport application fee is \$97.00 for applicants age 16 and older, and \$82.00 for applicants under age 16. The fees are set by the federal government and are the same regardless of where an individual applies. Necessary passport photos are also available for \$10.00 a set.

The County Clerk's Office is also continuing its outreach programs to bring passport services to local businesses and is seeking to expand the program to local schools.

"As always, any interested business or school district can call my office at 753-1645 to inquire about bringing passport services to their location. I'm eager to partner with them to ensure that we make our passport services available to the entire community," stated Dinolfo.

All passport applicants must present a raised seal birth certificate and should seek additional information on how to apply for a passport from www.monroecounty.gov by clicking on the County Clerk link, or at www.travel.state.gov.

The Clerk's Office will be open to handle passport transactions only during these special Saturday hours. In addition, the Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accept passport applications.

The Monroe County Clerk's Office handled nearly 700,000 transactions totaling over \$80 million in 2005 including mortgages, legal filings, passports, pistol permits, driver's licenses and vehicle registrations.

County Clerk Cheryl Dinolfo is available to discuss her Saturday Passport Days with the media. Please call 753-1645 to schedule an interview.

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For further information, call:

Office of the Monroe County Clerk at 753-1645

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